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IN THE CLAIMS**Please amend the claims to read as follows:**

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1. (Presently Amended) A method for connecting a packet-based call
2 between a calling party and a called party over a public network, wherein packets that
3 originate from the calling party include an associated source address on said public
4 network, the method comprising:
5 translating a said source address for a first plurality of packets associated with
6 the call in such a way that no portion of the source address can be determined from the
7 translated source address does not indicate at least one of a logical identity of the calling
8 party and a geographical identity of the calling party; and
9 sending the first plurality of said calling-party-originated packets to the called
10 party, said calling-party-originated packets including the translated source address and
11 not said source address.

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1 2. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein packets that
2 originate from the called party include an associated destination address on said public
3 network, and wherein the method further comprises comprising
4 translating a said destination address for a second plurality of packets associated
5 with the call in such a way that no portion of the destination address can be determined
6 from the translated destination address does not indicate at least one of a logical identity
7 of the called party and a geographical identity of the called party; and
8 sending the second plurality of said called-party-originated packets to the calling
9 party, said called-party-originated packets including the translated destination address
10 and not said destination address.

1 3. (Original) A method for connecting a call between a calling party and a
2 called party, comprising:

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3 translating a first source address into a first global address, the first source
4 address being local to a first network and being associated with the calling party;
5 translating a first destination address into a second global address;
6 sending the first global address and the second global address from a first
7 network edge device to a second network edge device, the first network edge device
8 connecting the first network and a second network, the second network edge device
9 connecting a third network to the second network, the third network being associated
10 with the called party;
11 translating the first global address into a second source address, the second
12 source address being local to the third network;
13 translating the second global address into a second destination address, the
14 second destination address being local to the third network and being associated with
15 the called party

21 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first
3 edge router for a plurality of packets associated with the call, and
4 the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second
5 edge router for the plurality of packets associated with the call.
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1 5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first
3 edge router connecting the first network and the second network
4 the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second
5 edge router connecting the second network and the third network.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first source address and the second source address are associated with an

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3 originating interface unit within the first network, and
4 the first destination address and the second destination address are associated
5 with a terminating interface unit within the third network.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first network and the third network are untrusted networks, and
3 the second network is a trusted network

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
2 releasing the first global address and the second global address after the call is
3 completed; and
4 translating a third source address into the first global address, the third source
5 address being local to the first network and being associated with a second calling party.

B/ 1 9. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the second destination address is translated into the second global address for a
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party to the
4 calling party;
5 the second source address is translated into the first global address for the
6 plurality of packets;
7 the first global address is translated into the first source address for the plurality
8 of packets; and
9 the second global address is translated into the first destination address for the
10 plurality of packets.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein:
2 the first source address and the first destination address are translated at the first
3 network edge device for a first plurality of packets associated with the call and being
4 sent from the calling party to the called party,

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5 the first global address and the second global address are translated at the second
6 network edge device for the first plurality of packets associated with the call and being
7 sent from the calling party to the called party.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 translating the second destination address into the second global address for a
3 second plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party
4 to the calling party;
5 translating the second source address into the first global address for the second
6 plurality of packets;
7 translating the first global address into the first source address for the second
8 plurality of packets; and
9 translating the second global address into the first destination address for the
10 second plurality of packets.

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12-22. (Canceled)

1 23. (Original) A method for privately connecting a call between a calling
2 party and a called party, comprising:
3 receiving a first global address and a second global address, the first global
4 address being a translation of a first source address, the first source address being local
5 to a first network and being associated with the calling party, the second global address
6 being a translation of a first destination address, the first destination address being
7 associated with the called party;
8 translating the first global address into a second source address, the second
9 source address being local to a second network; and
10 translating the second global address into a second destination address, the
11 second destination address being local to the second network and being associated with
12 the called party.

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1 24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:
2 the first global address and the second global address are translated for a
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the calling party to the
4 called party,
5 the first global address and the second global address are translated at an edge
6 router connecting a third network to the second network.

1 25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:
2 the first source address and the second source address are associated with an
3 originating telephone broadband interface within the first network, and
4 the first destination address and the second destination address are associated
5 with a terminating broadband interface within the second network.

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1 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein
2 the first global address and the second global address are translated at an edge
3 router connecting a third network to the second network,
4 and wherein the first network and the second network are not under the control
5 of the third network.
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7 27. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:
8 releasing the first global address and the second global address after the call is
9 completed; and
10 translating the first global address into a third source address, the third source
11 address being local to the second network and being associated with a second called
12 party.

1 28. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein:
2 the first global address is translated into a second source address for a first
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the calling party to the

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4 called party; and
5 the second global address is translated into a second destination address for the
6 first plurality of packets.

1 29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
2 translating the second source address into the first global address for a second
3 plurality of packets associated with the call and being sent from the called party to the
4 calling party; and
5 translating the second destination address into the second global address for the
6 second plurality of packets.

30 - 36. (Canceled)

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1 37. (Original) A method for connecting a call between a calling party and a
2 called party, comprising:
3 translating a first local address into a first global address, the first local address
4 being associated with a first network;
5 sending the first global address from a first network edge device to a second
6 network edge device, the first network edge device connecting the first network and a
7 second network, the second network edge device connecting a third network to the
8 second network; and
9 translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local
10 address being associated with the third network.

1 38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the calling party, the first network is
3 associated with the calling party,
4 the second local address is associated with the called party, the second network
5 is associated with the called party.

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1 39. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the called party, the first network is
3 associated with the called party,
4 the second local address is associated with the calling party, the second network
5 is associated with the calling party.

1 40. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:
2 releasing the first global address after the call is completed; and
3 translating a third local address into the first global address, the third local
4 address being associated with a second call.

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1 41. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:
2 translating a second local address into a second global address, the second local
3 address being associated with the third network;
4 sending the second global address from the second network edge device to the
5 first network edge device; and
6 translating the second global address into a third local address, the third local
7 address being associated with the first network.

1 42. (Original) A method for connecting a call between a calling party and a
2 called party, comprising:
3 receiving, from a first network edge device at a second network edge device, a
4 first global address being a translation of the a first local address, the first local address
5 being associated with a first network, the first network edge device connecting the first
6 network and a second network, the second network edge device connecting a third
7 network to the second network; and
8 translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local
9 address being associated with the third network.

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1 43. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the calling party, the first network is
3 associated with the calling party,
4 the second local address is associated with the called party, the second network
5 is associated with the called party.

1 44. (Original) The method of claim 42, wherein:
2 the first local address is associated with the called party, the first network is
3 associated with the called party,
4 the second local address is associated with the calling party, the second network
5 is associated with the calling party.

B/ 1 45. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising:
2 releasing the first global address after the call is completed; and
3 translating a third local address into the first global address, the third local
4 address being associated with a second call.

1 46. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising:
2 translating a second local address into a second global address, the second local
3 address being associated with the third network;
4 sending the second global address from the second network edge device to the
5 first network edge device; and
6 translating the second global address into a third local address, the third local
7 address being associated with the first network.